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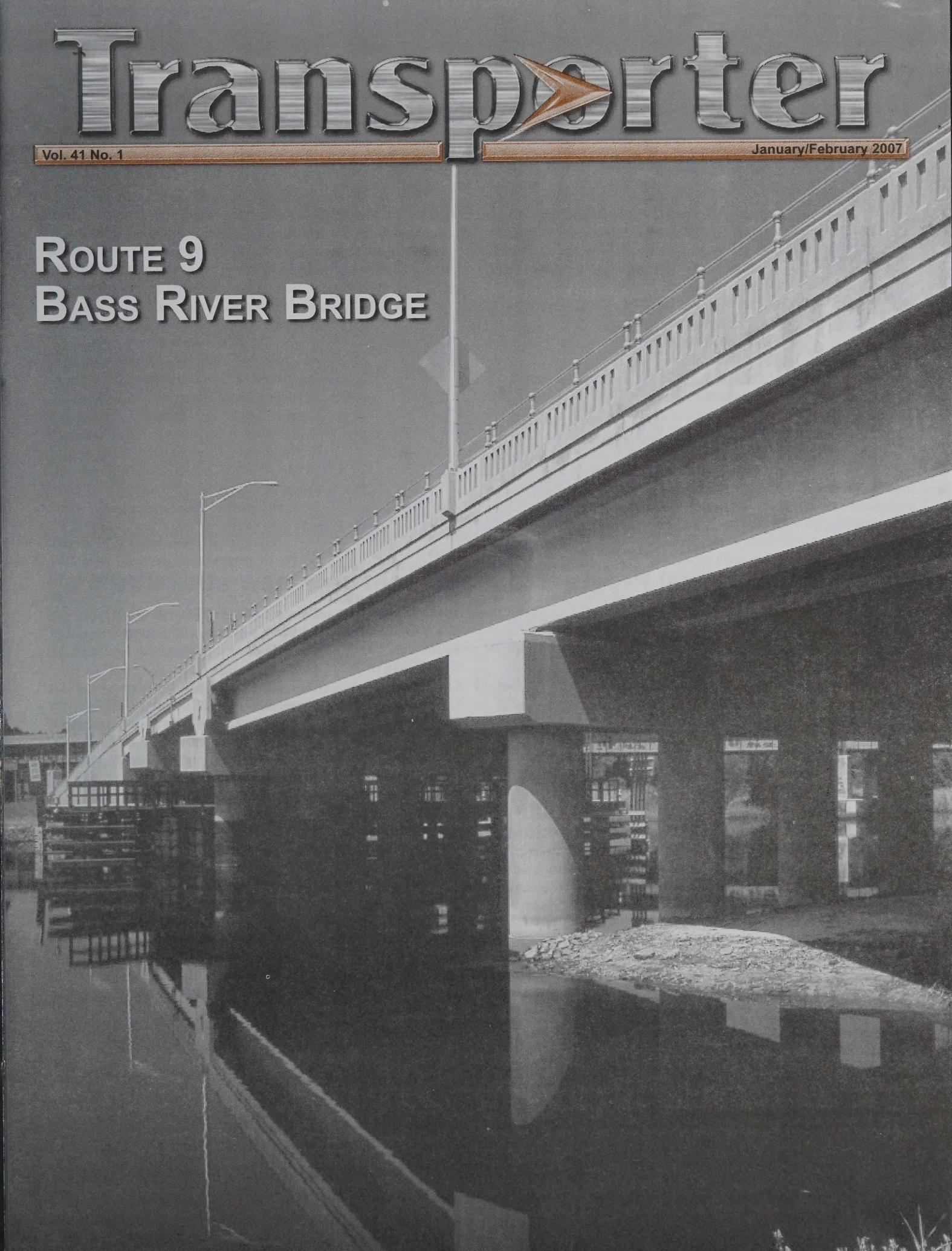
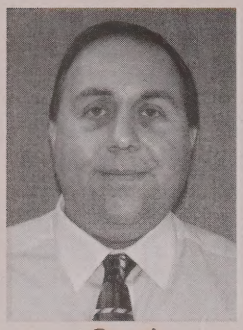


Cover story

Route 9 Bass River historic bridge replacement receives national recognition



Campi

Roads and Bridges magazine recently announced the 470-foot Route 9 Bridge over the Bass River in New Gretna was third in the top 10 bridges of 2006 nationwide. Bill Wilson, the magazine's Editor, spoke highly of the choice.

"In choosing the project for the top 10, we ask for the challenges," said Wilson, "and this is where the elite group is separated from the also-rans. Our staff picks the most challenging projects in the nation that were completed in the last 18 months. That could cover a $100 million project or one that is built for $1 million."

In the case of the $13.6 million Route 9 Bridge, funded by NJDOT and the Federal Highway Administration, there were many challenges, but two in particular. One was the historic aspect of the two-lane bascule bridge that required an historic alternatives analysis. Another challenge was the salt-water environment, on an active, navigable waterway and an ecologically flourishing river.

"After the historic significance of the bascule bridge was reviewed, the conclusion was that a new mid-level fixed bridge should be constructed slightly off-line of the existing bridge," said Project Manager **John Campi**. "The corrosion problem was addressed by designing the bridge with durability features, such as pre-cast concrete and high performance concrete which sits on drilled shaft pier bents."

Teamwork, of course, was key to finishing the three-year project.

"The NJDOT team members that helped to deliver the project and to lead significant activities included Resident Engineer **Mike Lipartito** and **Tony Guerrieri**, Field Manager who oversaw the construction, Environmental Team Leader **Janet Fittipaldi,** Sr. Environmental Specialist **Tina Shutz**, who led the wetland mitigation effort," said Campi. "The Department's Geotechnical Unit led by **Jack Mansfield** and design consultants John Pizzi and Glenn Schetlich played key roles in helping to deliver the project and managing an effective design team."

MILESTONES Capital Program Management gets new structure

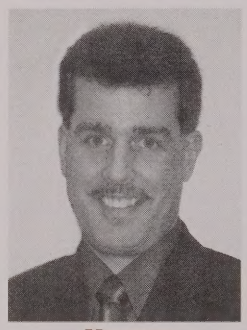
Assistant Commissioner **Rick Hammer** recently announced the restructuring of Capital Program Management (CPM).

"CPM's new assignments are part of the Department's continued efforts to improve our services and achieve our goals in the most efficient manner," said Hammer.

"For example, the Division of Right of Way will now include Major Access and Access Design, previously under the Division of Design services, and will be known as the Division of Right of Way and Access Management.

"Additionally, we've merged Access Design and Right of Way Engineering to form the Bureau of Access Design and Right of Way Engineering. **Richard Dube** will head both new units as Executive Manager."

Hammer outlined other changes that include the creation of the Division of Environmental Resources & Context Sensitive Solutions, previously known as the Division on Environmental Resources. The Bureau of Landscape & Urban Design Unit, formerly under the Division of Design Services, will now be included in this new Division, with **David Earl** currently leading the Unit through delegation.



Hammer

Steve Lavelle will serve as Executive Manager in the Division of Capital Program Support, previously known as the Division of Quality Management Services. He will head the Program Management Office (PMO) and the Jurisdictional/Utilities Unit. The PMO was formerly under the Division of Project Management.

Rajinder Chawla is the Supervisor of the New Technologies & Procedures Group under the Division of Design Services, which was previously under the Division of Quality Management Services.

Richard Jaffe is the Manager of the newly formed Bureau of Value Engineering & Smart Solutions, formerly the Value Management Unit. The unit was moved from the former Division of Quality Management Services to the Division of Project Management.

Strizki named State Transportation Engineer

Commissioner Kris Kolluri recently appointed **Brian Strizki, P.E.**, Director of Design Services, Capital Program Management as the State Transportation Engineer.

In that capacity, Strizki has the approval authority for the plan and/or design of all transportation projects undertaken, reviewed or instituted by the Department.

Richard Dunne, P.E., Executive Manager of Structural Engineering and **Kiran Patel, P.E.** Executive Manager of Civil Engineering were designated Deputy State Transportation Engineers.

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People Briefs

Retirees

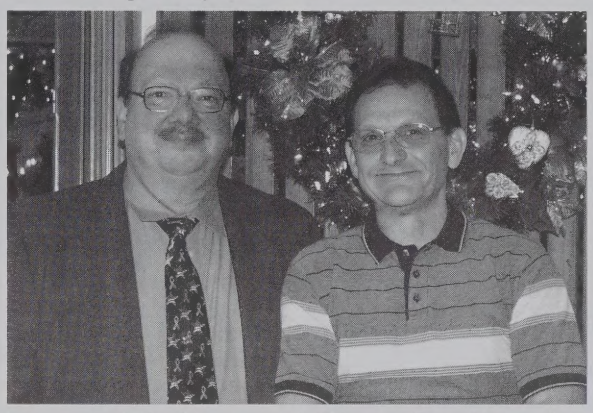
2006

Patricia Cottrell, 40 years, Technical Support Specialist 1 retired in September. Joining her in retirement are **John Datz**, 30 years, Principal Engineer; **Bruce Dellaira**, 29 years, Manager 1, Information Processing; **Floyd Gentles**, 28 years, Crew Supervisor, Highway Construction and Bridges; **Sujatha Rau**, 27 years, Auditor 3; **Wayne Kalisch**, 22 years, Landscape Technician; **Frank Rancanelli**, 10 years, Electrical Mechanic.

October retirees included **Mary Bock**, 38 years, Secretarial Assistant 2; **Barbara Richenbacher**, 36 years, Manager 2, Fiscal Resources; **Mary Stewart**, 36 years, Principal File Clerk; **Thomas Dowd**, 34 years, Senior Executive Service; **Antonio Silva**, 31 years, Bridge Operator; **Robert Tracy**, 30 years, Assistant Crew Supervisor, Highway Maintenance; **Margaret Waldner**, 19 years, Accountant 1; **Basil Baldino**, 6 years, Maintenance Worker 1; **Jay Ludwig**, 5 years, Senior Right of Way Negotiator; **Marilyn Salvatini**, 5 years, Secretarial Assistant 2.

Among those who retired in November are **James Avillo**, 43 years, Supervising Engineer, Field Survey; **Charles Yates**, 36 years, Mechanics Helper; **Henry Soloway**, 33 years, Manager 1, DOT, Construction and Maintenance; **Irene Matos**, 18 years, Principal Environmental Specialist; **Stephen Mikulak**, 10 years, Communications Manager.

December retirees included **Maureen Jones,** 40 years, Administrative Assistant 2; **Sidney Hooper**, 37 years, Principal Engineer Transportation; **Alice Buck**, 36 years, Word Processing Specialist 2; **Kevin Desfosse**, 34 years, Supervising Engineer 2 Surface Design; **Aram Mardekian**, 33 years, Senior Executive Service; **David Byers**, 29 years, Manager 2 Landscape Architecture; **Michael Asson**, 29 years, Principal Traffic Control Analyst; **Kathleen Immordino**, 28 years, Assistant Commissioner; **Michael Winget**, 28 years, Environmental Compliance Inspector 1; **Karen Pierce**, 26 years, Administrative Analyst 1; **Rosanne Margerum**, 25 years, Executive Assistant 2; **George Eckenroth**, 20 years, Project Engineer Materials; **Alfred Seidel**, 18 years, Principal Environmental Specialist.



Manager of Warehousing and Shipping Peter Yull and December 2006 retiree Andy Tobias exchange holiday greetings. Formerly the NJDOT Print Shop Manager, Tobias was responsible for printing and distributing the *Transporter*, **and other products including the** *Annual Fiscal Year 2005-2009 Capital Investment Strategy Report*, **the** *Monthly Capital Projects Status Report* **and the** *Annual Legislative Directory*.

2007

Among those who retired in January are **Anker Winther**, 42 years, Supervising Engineer Construction and Maintenance; **James Harding**, 42 years, Manager 2 Roadway Design; **John Raniero**, 41 years, Supervising Engineer Construction and Maintenance; **Katherine Hunt**, 40 years, Secretarial Assistant 3; **Richard Sawicki**, 39 years, Assistant Regional Electrical Supervisor; **Leon Leach**, 38 years, Construction Maintenance Technician 1; **Anthony Souzzo**, 38 years, Principal Engineer Transportation; **Andrew Tobias**, 36 years, Printing Operations Manager; **Dennis Cox**, 36 years, Manager 2 Quality Assurance; **Richard Wert**, 35 years, Principal Engineer Planning; **Owen Morris**, 35 years, Principal Transportation Analyst; **John Delucca**, 34 years, Crew Supervisor Landscape Highway Maintenance; **Philip Grygo**, 34 years, Crew Supervisor Highway Maintenance; **John Taylor**, 33 years, Supervising Engineer 2 Surface Design; **Lewis Prasch**, 32 years, Assistant Crew Supervisor Highway Maintenance; **Cynthia Vitella**, 31 years, Secretarial Assistant 2; **Julius Oroszvary**, 30 years, Supervising Environmental Specialist; **Elizabeth Decello**, 30 years, Executive Assistant 2; **Jerry Urbano**, 30 years, Micro-Electronic Systems Technician; **Carmen Castaldi**, 29 years, Construction and Maintenance Technician 2; **Lynwood Williams**, 29 years, Construction and Maintenance Technician 3; **Wayne Kays**, 29 years, Truck Driver Single Axle; **Constance Young**, 28 years, Legal Secretary 1; **Linda Errico**, 28 years, Supervisor Office of Contract Compliance/Civil Rights; **Ronald Catana**, 26 years, Construction and Maintenance Technician 3; **Michael Britton**, 26 years, Bridge Operator; **John Vanaman**, 26 years, Bridge Operator; **Eugene Bauer**, Truck Driver Single Axle; **Terence Shepherd**, 25 years, Truck Driver Single Axle; **Mary Paterra**, 25 years, Executive Assistant 3; **Narayan Majumdar**, 22 years, Principal Engineer Transporation; **Robert Smith**, 22 years, Environmental Compliance Inspector 2; **Thomas Speich**, 20 years, Construction and Maintenance Technician 4; **Alvin Edwards**, 15 years, Senior Right of Way Negotiator; **Lillian Waldrip**, 10 years, Principal Clerk.

Engagement

NJDOTers Harrison and Miller plan Smoky Mountains wedding

North Region employees **Rochelle Harrison,** Investigator, Internal Investigation and **Kevin G. Miller**, Assistant Crew 224 Supervisor, Port Colden Maintenance Yard plan to marry at a candlelight wedding ceremony in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee in August 2008. Harrison's father, Dennis Cox, a recent NJDOT retiree announced the engagement.

Kolluri announces open road policy in snowy weather

"NJDOT crews statewide are ready to combat winter storms by clearing our roads, preventing ice formation and maintaining mobility and safety," said Commissioner Kris Kolluri as he announced winter storm preparedness while visiting the NJDOT Secaucus Maintenance Yard in December.

The question is, what snow? To date the snowfall has been minimal in most areas of the state due to soaring temperatures up to 60 degrees for the first few weeks of winter. But, with vivid memories of the 18-inch snowfall on Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2006, Kolluri would rather be safe than sorry. It only takes one large snow event to deplete the state's winter inventories.

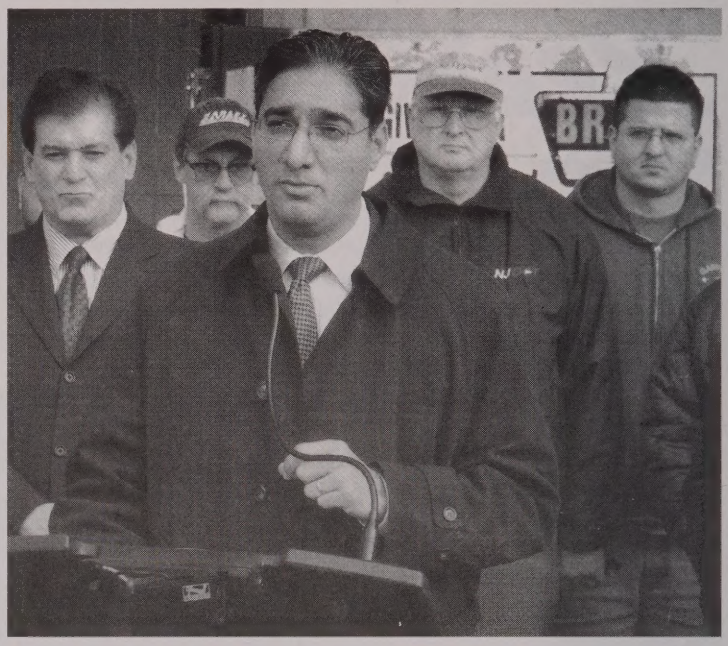
Snow covered roadways especially on New Jersey's 15,829 lane miles of heavily traveled state highways and interstates are dangerous. The Commissioner explained that NJDOT currently has $11.3 million budgeted for winter 2006-2007 and additional emergency funds are available for snow events.

"NJDOT crews are armed with new materials including pre-treated salt and brine, new technology such as the Route 80 anti-skid overlay and utilize extensive experience and preparation," remarked Kolluri.

The Department has 500 plow trucks and spreaders, and hires more than 1,200 contractors. There are 135,373 tons of salt available and 551,000 gallons of liquid calcium at 74 storage facilities throughout the state.

Luckily NJDOT has partners to help handle snow events.

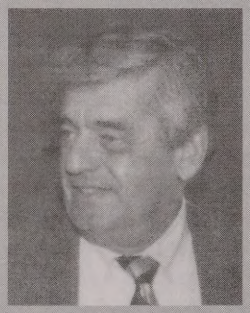
NJ TRANSIT, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA) and the South Jersey Transportation Authority work with the Department to maintain safe conditions and keep the moveable bridges, rail cars and diesel locomotives and buses functioning during a snowstorm. There is snow removal equipment ready to clear ice and snow from rail tracks and switches. The NJTA has 314 trucks with 20,000 tons of salt for the Parkway and 150 trucks with 30,000 tons of salt for the Turnpike.



Commissioner Kris Kolluri announces NJDOT's winter preparedness program during a visit to the Secaucus Maintenance Yard. With Kolluri are Assistant Commissioner Jeff Callahan of Operations, Maintenance Worker Warren Cook, Landscape Technician Ed Huebsch, and Truck Driver Brian Wilson of Crew 219. Not pictured are Equipment Operator Fouad Kilmat, Maintenance Worker Robert Rogers, Crew Supervisor Dave Lortz, Truck Driver Bob Parisi, Assistant Crew Supervisor John Stevens, Area Supervisor Albert Dabal, Equipment Operator Paul Marino of Crew 219 Secaucus, Equipment Operators Joe Stoerzing and Lou Bruno of Crew 217 Riverdale and Equipment Operator Butch Matinez of Crew 212 Fort Lee.

Obituaries

Retiree **Jack Freidenrich**, Chief Engineer, former Assistant Commissioner for Engineering and Operations died December 28, 2006. A civil engineer, he was a fixture at NJDOT from 1949 to 1988.



Freidenrich

Freidenrich became one of the nation's transportation leaders and held key positions with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation officials throughout his career. He was awarded Distinguished Engineer of the Year in 1998 by the New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Engineers.

A proponent of the national interstate highway system, built in the 1950s, Freidenrich noted that it changed the way the nation traveled and the way transportation departments worked.

"Prior to the interstate system, this Department did all of its engineering and construction with its own forces with the exception of a very few highly complicated projects where knowledge did not exist . . . like moveable bridges . . . For the first time in history we hired consulting firms to become an extension of our staff in order to deal with the huge increase in design and construction . . .," remarked Freidenrich.

The U.S. Navy veteran of World II is survived by his wife Joy, sons Jeffrey and Scott, a sister Esther Shapiro and three grandchildren.

Retiree **Ralph Gerber** died September 13, 2006 in Camden. The former Assistant Foreman at District 4, Cherry Hill is survived by his wife Elizabeth, his daughters Donna Easlick and Nancy Freeman, sons David and Donald, nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Lovelandtown Bridge Operator **Daniel Nungesser** died November 25, 2006. The U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam Era is survived by his father Fred, his wife Karen, son Justin, daughter Megan, brothers Peter, Richard and Michael, a granddaughter and his beloved cats.

Project Engineer Materials **Jack Kerwick Jr.** died November 27, 2006. His wife Teresa Rogan of Region South Design Services office, his sons Jack Kerwick III and Christopher (Region South) and daughter Colleen Natale survive him.

Assistant Crew Supervisor Highway Maintenance **Ronald L. Sperry, Sr.**, of Wharton Yard died January 14 in Chester. The 30-year NJDOT veteran is survived by his sons Ronald L. Jr. and Daniel J., his brother Harry, his former spouse Phyllis Gallo-Sperry and nieces and nephews.

Holiday celebrations are the result of teamwork

It's not just Santa and his helpers who work as a team during the holidays. NJDOTers throughout the state showed team spirit to make the December 2006 holidays memorable.

Santa (**Peter Yull**), Mrs. Claus (**Shari Leichter**), Kobie the Reindeer (with **Linda Cardell**), and a musical set-up Elf (**Charlie Laurita**) provided the entertainment for the annual NJDOT holiday party at Headquarters on December 14. **Cindy Moore** assisted Laurita with the set-up of tables and equipment.

With tables of cookies and other refreshments provided by the NJDOT Cafeteria, committee members **Linda Davino**, **Janice DeJohn**, **Sandy Furness**, **Celeste Giancola** and **John Stults** made sure every guest was served.

Commissioner Kris Kolluri and Deputy Commissioner **Steve Dilts** arrived in the nick of time to wish everyone happy holidays. Then they continued that cheer in the regions.

Stacy Brugno and **Lori Cook** of the Commissioner's office handled the scheduling to make sure the Commissioner and Deputy arrived on time for festivities in the South, Central, and North regions.

Holiday helpers in Region South included **Sharon Bird**, **Carol Bove**, **Lorraine Fitzpatrick** and **Bernie Shaw**, who arranged the party.

Pat Baldasari, **Lisa Cavanagh**, **Suzann Dempsey**, **Norma DiBarba**, **Penny DiLeone**, **Sharon Hart**, **Jean Poplasky** and **Sandy Sheris** planned and prepared the holiday reception in Central Region.

Assistant Commissioner of Traffic Operations **Jeff Callahan** also attended the Region North festivities. **Susan Lackey** and **Kathy Schuld** decorated the Region North Operations offices and provided refreshments for all employees and their visitors. **Shar Harbeck** and **Mike Pilsbury** hosted Traffic Operations in Elmwood Park.

Commissioner Kris Kolluri listens as Desi Norman, Supply Support Technician 2, Lakewood Equipment Stockroom, plays holiday music on his Vibraphone at Central Region's holiday reception.
(Photo: Edward Walkoczy)

Deputy Commissioner Steve Dilts and Mrs. Claus enjoy the Headquarters holiday party.

Project Engineer Guy Hill and Project Manager Bob Lee enjoy the festivities at Headquarters.

Executive Secretarial Assistant Celeste Giancola offers holiday treats to guests. John Stults, Supervising Engineer is in the background.

Central Region paves the road to higher education

Literally.

Mr. Paul Gaffney II, President of Monmouth University in West Long Branch praised the Department's efforts for the recent repaving of Route 71, also known as Cedar Avenue, adjacent to the school, in a letter to Commissioner Kris Kolluri.

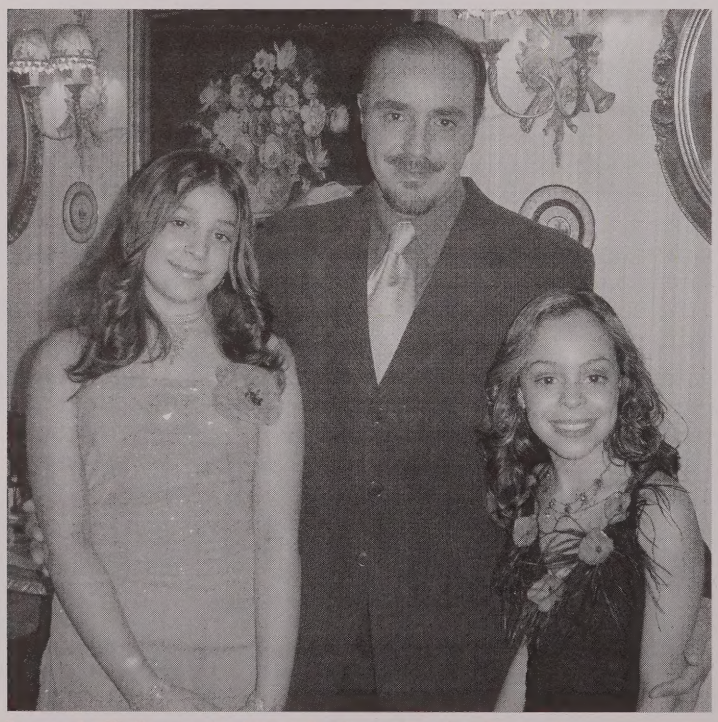
"The repaving has just been completed and we are thrilled," said Gaffney. "The road was badly in need of work and the recent project was completed with minimal impact to the operation of the University. It improves the aesthetics and the safety for the many drivers on the road each day."

NJDOT employees responsible for the transformation included Central Region's Executive Director **Bernard James**, Resident Engineer **Louis Buono**, Assistant Engineer **Gerald Oliveto**, Civil Engineer Trainee **Umeshkumar Shah** and Construction & Maintenance Tech 5 **Ian Erndl**. Assistant Commissioner of Planning and Development **Mark Stout** was the contact person for the project.

Route 71 adjacent to Monmouth University before (above) and after (below) milling, repaving and restriping.

Where is Superman when you need him?

He's at Exit 8 of the NJ Turnpike. And, his name is **Samer Shahwan**, NJDOT Assistant Engineer, according to New Jersey driver Richard Miske of Mountainside. When his car failed on the NJ Turnpike near Exit 8 southbound on August 7, 2006, Shahwan appeared on the spot.



Samer A. Shahwan, Assistant Engineer, Region North Construction in Mt. Arlington is flanked by his two daughters, Kareema, 15 years and Fareeda, 13 years.

"He saved my life; he is my hero," said Miske about his car trouble and the trauma that followed on the shoulder of the Turnpike.

"I called my mechanic and while talking to him, a stranger in a Jeep stopped ahead of me, jumped out of his car and frantically waved at me to get out of my car," he said. "I was aware of the smoke around my car but not the fire in the rear of the car near the gas tank. I jumped out of the vehicle and ran towards the stranger."

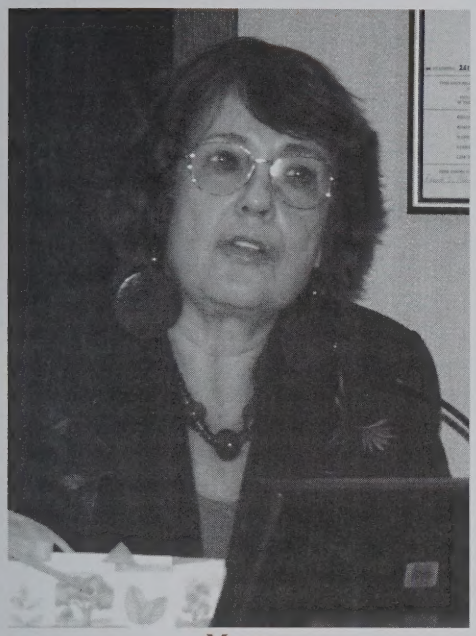
According to Shahwan, Miske was in the car, talking on the cell phone obviously unaware of the danger to his life as the flames poured out from the gas tank.

"When I saw the flames I pulled off the Turnpike on the same side as Miske and then I started running, yelling and waving my arms to get his attention," Shahwan said. "Once out of the car, Miske was just able to grab his laptop when the car was engulfed in flames."

He then drove Miske to his home 35 miles north of the fire scene, more than 70 miles out of the way for Shahwan, whose original destination was south. Miske knew he had to do something special for him, and what better gesture than to let Shahwan's children -- Kareema and Fareeda -- know that their father was a hero, but in a letter.

He stated, "Heroes come in all shapes and sizes, not the Hollywood variety, but just ordinary people like Shahwan, who do extraordinary acts. I'm sharing this experience with both of you because we often take people like him for granted. In my book he's a hero and a special person."

Advancing the dream is a reality at NJDOT



Mercer

NJDOT employees gathered in the multipurpose room at Headquarters on January 11 to celebrate the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. one of our country's famous leaders on what would have been his 78th birthday. He is renowned worldwide for his "I have a Dream" speech.

King spoke of a vision he had for equal treatment of persons of all races and religions, poor or rich. He backed up that dream with action when he went into the community and fought for the rights of all people through serving.

"He wanted people to never give up on their beliefs, just as he never gave up on his," remarked Commissioner Kris Kolluri as he greeted the audience.

Keynote speaker Kevin Davis, manager of the Adult Health Clinic for the Trenton Department of Health & Human Services gave a riveting speech on the value of "keeping the dream alive" to show Martin Luther King Jr., if he were alive today that we are trying to advance the dream past violence, crimes and other negatives to the positives.

"Embrace your community and give back," said Davis, as he explained how important it is to stay in your community in spite of the negatives.

He stressed that everyone should find their passion and translate it into making positive contributions in the community. Davis does just that through his passion for sports, and particularly track, as he devotes much of his spare time to developing city youth for track and field.

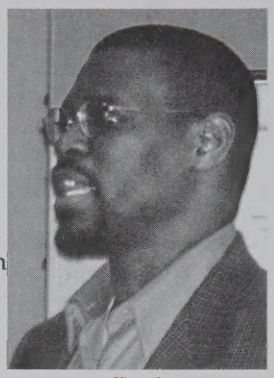
Guest speaker Connie Mercer, Executive Director of HOMEFRONT, a Mercer County-based organization to help families break the cycle of poverty, agreed that the spirit of King is to volunteer time, money, energy – anything to help others.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SCHEDULE: brown-bag lunches on February 7, 16 and 27

Mercer pinpointed the homeless in the area.

"The average age of the homeless person is seven years, and most of those come from families who work – the working poor," said Mercer. "We have to provide other options for those people, such as the building we've set up on the grounds of the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf in West Trenton, and we ask folks to get involved with the homeless children there."

Although she praised NJDOT employees for their hours of volunteer work and gifts to HOMEFRONT, Mercer had suggestions for others to join them.



Davis

"They could read to children, organize ice cream socials, tutor young mothers trying to get their high school diplomas, donate car seats, cars or clothing to the FreeStore in Chambersburg (Trenton)," she said. "Most important, let politicians know at all levels that it's not okay for children not to have homes."

The program also included remarks by Executive Director **Nelida Valentin** of Civil Rights/ Affirmative Action, **Barbara Haynes** of Employee Support, Rev. **Thomas Johnson** of Community Relations and **Keith Daniels** of Procurement, and a special vocal presentation by **Turiya Mason** of Security.

Black History Month committee members responsible for the program included Valentin, Senior Leadership Team Advisor, **Kimbrali Davis**, Chairperson, **Robin Stern**, Secretary, **Michelle Jordan**, Treasurer, Daniels, Assistant Treasurer, **Nancy Ciaruffoli**, Event Coordinator and committee members **Vicky Tilghman-Ansley**, Haynes, **Iris Gerald-Lowe**, **Anthony Davis** and **Beverly Queen**.

Commissioner Kolluri is sworn in as governor

For one day, that is.

Commissioner Kris Kolluri took over the reins of the highest office in the state in addition to his Transportation Commissioner's duties when he was sworn in as governor in Red Bank on the morning of December 28.

His philosophy for the day was to "do no harm" as far as signing bills or giving speeches as governor, but to be available just in case he was needed at the State House.

The evening was a different story.

Kolluri took his family on a quick tour of Drumthwacket to view the governor's mansion in full holiday regalia.

"At best my family will call me governor," Kolluri joked to the Associated Press. "At worst I'm a 'Jeopardy' question." (*AASHTO Journal*, January 4, 2007)

Governor Jon Corzine was on vacation in Texas. Kolluri is fourth in line to fill in as governor after the president of the state senate, the speaker of the state assembly and the attorney general, who were unavailable.

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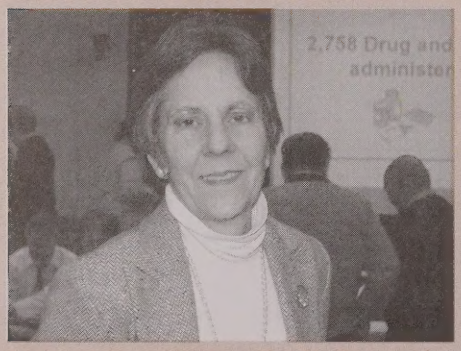

Assistant Commissioner Candie Brown of Administration welcomes employees to the Administration Open House in January.

Employees found answers to hundreds of work-related questions at the recent information-laden open house hosted by the newly-appointed Assistant Commissioner **Candie Brown** of Administration and her staff. Representatives from Human Resources, Support Services, Employee Support, Ethics and Appeals and the Office of the Employee Advocates were available to provide information, pamphlets and forms at specially set up tables throughout the multipurpose room at Headquarters.

For example, **Lori Moore-Stern** and **Lorraine Sweat** of Human Resources provided employee benefits and retirement information; **Sandy Furness** and **Steve Iorio** of the Office of the Employee Advocates volunteered information on that program; and **Ivette Santiago-Green, Esq.**, of the Office of Ethics and Appeals provided pamphlets and information on such topics as attendance at outside events and outside employment or activities.

Janice DeJohn of Administration and Furness organized the event.

Engineering Week: February 19 - 26, 2007

- Tuesday, 2/20: 10 a.m. DOT Commissioner Kris Kolluri to address our engineers in multipurpose room and via teleconference to regions, and 10:30 a.m. Guest Speaker, Mary Huie, FHWA Highways for Life Program Coordinator
- Wednesday, 2/21: 1 p.m Selections from the Discovery Channel's Extreme Engineering Series, multipurpose room
- Friday, 2/23: 10 a.m. Selections from the Discovery Channel's Extreme Engineering Series, multipurpose room
- 2/20 thru 2/26: Annual DOT Chess Tournament Noon to 1 p.m. in the cafeteria.